

## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

An Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are filed herewith to extend the response period from March 20, 2001 to May 20, 2001.

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as indicated below. A redlined version of the amended paragraph is attached to this response as Appendix A.

Please replace the paragraph identified below with the following amended paragraph:

Page 13, The paragraph beginning with the words "The overhead message or messages":

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The overhead message or messages are typically received and processed by a mobile unit when a mobile unit is not engaged in a call or attempting to engage in a call, (i.e., when it is in an 'idle state'). The term idle state is somewhat of a misnomer because the mobile unit can be very busy in the idle state. During the idle state, the mobile station periodically wakes up and listens to the paging channel and processes the messages on that channel. The overhead messages may remain the same for a substantial period of time during which the mobile station periodically wakes up and listens to the paging channel. Since it is not desirable to have the mobile unit wake up, receive the overhead message, and decode it only to determine that the overhead message is the same as the previous message that was decoded earlier, in the interest of conserving battery power, a signature is transmitted along with the overhead message. When the mobile unit wakes up, it receives the signature of the overhead message which will be received later and decides whether to stay

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awake and receive the overhead message. In many instances, the mobile unit will go back to sleep after receiving the signature because the signature is the same as the signature received the last time the mobile unit woke up. Since listening for overhead messages requires a certain amount of power and since the listening function is performed frequently (as often as once per second), limiting the amount of time a mobile unit performs the listening function reduces the overall power consumption of that mobile unit and therefore increases the life of any battery or other power storage system utilized by that mobile unit. Significant power savings may occur because in many instances the overhead messages may remain the same for a substantial period of time.

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